

A further late occurrence of the Mother-of-Pearl moth *Pleuroptya ruralis* (Scop.) (Lep.: Pyralidae) in the Isle of Wight

With reference to Tony Steele's note of a record of *Pleuroptya ruralis* on 21 October at his Robinson trap in his garden in Kent (*antea*: 2), I should like to mention that I also caught this species at light in my garden here at Freshwater, Isle of Wight, on 19 October 1994 (see *Ent. Rec.* **107**: 172). I think that these records must relate to a partial second brood, probably induced by warmer seasons, which this country has experienced in the last two decades.— S. A. KNILL-JONES, Roundstone, 2 School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight PO40 9AL.

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Dr R. Colin Welch, in his informative article referring to mine on the above topic (*antea*: 27-28), questions my use of the term "notable". I think that most readers would understand this in the obvious sense that I intended, i.e., worthy of note. The narrower technical usage recently established, legitimate enough for its purpose, need not and should not affect its everyday sense. As the greater includes the lesser, even a very rare, endangered or *Red Data Book* category 1 species must be notable on any common sense basis – possibly *very* notable.

Secondly, I make no apology for having included a very few supposedly or questionably extinct species or, indeed, others of doubtful status. What may be doubtful now may not always be; and in entomology I prefer to regard "extinct" as shorthand for "presumed, or apparently, extinct" as a general rule. Such records can in any case have a historical importance or interest.

Incidentally, I quite agree with Dr Welch that *Leiodes picea* (Panz.) must have been a misidentification, like the Kent specimen to which he refers.— A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Without wishing to interfere in any way with the freedom of authors to express their opinion on the notability or otherwise of a species, I have decided that in order to avoid confusion, a ruling is required. Therefore, where the formal designation of "Nationally Notable" is intended (species recorded in, or expected to be present in, between 16 and 100 of the ten-kilometre squares of the Ordnance Survey's national Grid in Great Britain, and formally designated as such in the appropriate literature), the first mention of the status, and in all situations where the word "notable" would otherwise begin a sentence, the designation should be written in full — i.e., "Nationally Notable" (with initial capitals) and not "notable". At subsequent mentions, the word should commence with a capital "N". Where the word is used in the more general sense as a part of normal English language, and no formal designation is implied, the word should be entirely in lower case letters unless it forms the first word of a sentence.— EDITOR